

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A method of securing an intersection formed from two or more crossed strands of a device suitable for implantation into a living being, the intersection defining at least two sections, the method comprising:

passing a non-radio opaque securing material through at least two of the at least two sections, wherein the passing includes bending the non-radio opaque securing material at a location, thereby defining a non-radio opaque securing material segment on each side of the location; and

joining the two non-radio opaque securing material segments to secure the intersection formed from the two or more crossed strands of the device suitable for implantation into a living being;

where the non-radio opaque securing material is different from the two or more cross strands.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the joining includes tying the two non-radio opaque securing material segments.

3-11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) A method of securing an intersection formed from two or more crossed strands, the intersection defining at least two sections, the method comprising:

bending a non-radio opaque securing material, thereby forming a closed end and a non-radio opaque securing material segment on each side of the closed end;
passing the closed end through at least one of the at least two sections;
passing both non-radio opaque securing material segments through at least one of the at least two sections; and
passing both non-radio opaque securing material segments through the closed end to secure the intersection;
where the non-radio opaque securing material is different from the two or more cross strands.

13. (canceled)

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the joining includes tying the two non-radio opaque securing material segments.

15-24. (canceled)

25. (currently amended) A device suitable for implantation into a living being, the device comprising:

a body having at least two strands crossed to form an intersection, the intersection defining at least two sections; and

a non-radio opaque securing material passed through at least two of the at least two sections, the non-radio opaque securing material being bent at a location and having a non-radio opaque securing material segment on each side of the location, the non-radio opaque securing material segments being joined together using one or more of tying, gluing, heating and compressing;

where the non-radio opaque securing material is different from the at least two strands.

26. (currently amended) A device suitable for implantation into a living being, the device comprising:

a body having at least two strands crossed to form an intersection, the intersection defining at least two sections, each of the at least two strands having a free end separated from the intersection by a strand segment but no other intersection; and
a non-radio opaque securing material passed through at least two of the at least two sections, the non-radio opaque securing material being bent at a location and having a non-radio opaque securing material segment on each side of the location, the non-radio opaque securing material segments being joined together;

where the non-radio opaque securing material is different from the at least two strands.